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## MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: CHANGE 03-4 TO THE NAVY MARINE CORPS ACQUISITION REGULATION SUPPLEMENT (NMCARS)

Encl: (1) NMCARS Change 03-4

The changes identified in enclosure (1) are hereby incorporated into the November 2003 NMCARS.

The changes in enclosure (1) raise the level at which the determination and findings (D&F), required by Federal Acquisition Regulation 6.202(b)(1), to exclude sources from competition must be signed by the Navy Senior Procurement Executive. The threshold is raised from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000.

The change in the threshold will maintain consistency between this D&F threshold and the threshold at which a justification for other than full and open competition must be approved by the agency Senior Procurement Executive. The latter threshold was raised from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 in a memorandum issued by the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy on November 24, 2004.

These changes are effective immediately and will be reflected in the NMCARS online.

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The following changes are hereby incorporated into the November 2003 NMCARS:

NMCARS Subpart 5206.2 – FULL AND OPEN COMPETITON AFTER EXCLUSION OF SOURCES is amended by deleting \$50,000,000 and replacing it with \$75,000,000 in 5206.202(b)(1) (A) and 5206.202(b)(1)(B). The revised subpart is as follows:

## SUBPART 5206.2--FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION AFTER EXCLUSION OF SOURCES

5206.202 (DFARS 5206.202) Establishing or maintaining alternative sources.

- (b)(1) D&Fs shall be signed as follows:
- (A) For a proposed contract not exceeding \$75,000,000, the approval level is the HCA, or a designee who—
  - (a) If a member of the armed forces, is a general or flag officer; or
- (b) If a civilian, is serving in a position in grade GS 16 or above under the General Schedule (or in a comparable or higher position under another schedule).
  - (B) For a proposed contract over \$75,000,000, the approval level is the NSPE.